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## Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all previous versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

## Listing of claims:

- 1. (currently amended) An anti-microbial filter, comprising:
  - a multi-layer filter material, said material being made at least in part of a multicomponent fiber of thermoplastic polymers, including
    - a <u>co-extruded</u> core of thermoplastic polymer being at least 20% and less than 70% of the fiber by weight, and
    - a <u>co-extruded</u> sheath being more than 30% of the fiber by weight and including (i) a thermoplastic polymer and (ii) a zeolitic antimicrobial/anti-fungal inorganic additive being from 0.1% to 20% by weight of fiber, the thickness of the sheath in microns being approximately two times the nominal particle size in microns of the additive.
- 2. (previously presented) The filter of claim 1, forming at least a part of an air filter.
- 3. (previously presented) The filter of claim 1, forming at least a part of a water filter.
- 4. (previously presented) The filter of claim 1, wherein an anti-odor agent is added to the fiber.
- 5. (previously presented) The filter of claim 1, wherein at least one layer has the antimicrobial fiber, said layer being on the intended upstream side of the other layers.
- 6. (previously presented) The filter of claim 1, forming at least part of a car wash material.

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7. (previously presented) The filter of claim 1, forming at least part of a filter or a batt in a car wash water recycle storage tank.

- 8. (previously presented) The filter of claim 1, forming at least in part a mop head fabric.
- 9. (previously presented) The filter of claim 1, forming at least in part a dust mask.
- 10. (previously presented) The filter of claim 1, forming at least in part a humidifier evaporation surface media and/or a circulation/ aeration system pad.
- 11. (previously presented) The filter of claim 1, forming at least in part a boat bilge antimicrobial pad.
- 12. (currently amended) An anti-microbial filter, comprising:

  a multi-layer filter material, said material being made of a bi-component fiber, including
  - a <u>co-extruded</u> core of a high tenacity polymer being at least 20 <u>%</u> and less than 70% of the fiber by weight, and
  - a co-extruded sheath of a hydrolysis resistant polymer being at least 30% of the fiber by weight, and including an additive ranging from 0. 1 % to 20 % by weight of the fiber and being selected from the group consisting of pigments, compounds creating a hydrophilic surface, and anti-microbial, anti-fungal and anti-odor materials.
- 13. (previously presented) The filter of claim 12, forming at least a part of an air filter.
- 14. (previously presented) The filter of claim 12, forming at least a part of a water filter.
- 15. (previously presented) The filter of claim 12, wherein an anti-odor agent is added to the fiber.

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16. (previously presented) The filter of claim 12, wherein at least one layer has the antimicrobial fiber, said layer being on the intended upstream side of the other layers.

- 17. (previously presented) The filter of claim 12, forming at least part of a car wash material.
- 18. (previously presented) The filter of claim 12, forming at least part of a filter or a batt in a car wash water recycle storage tank.
- 19. (previously presented) The filter of claim 12, forming at least in part a mop head fabric.
- 20. (previously presented) The filter of claim 12, forming at least in part a dust mask.
- 21. (previously presented) The filter of claim 12, forming at least in part a humidifier evaporation surface media and/or a circulation/ aeration system pad.
- 22. (previously presented) The filter of claim 12, forming at least in part a boat bilge antimicrobial pad.

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